

## BERGER'S RIVAL GAINS STRENGTH ON 'RED' ISSUE

Not an Orator, but His Plain  
Americanism Is Winning  
New Supporters.

### MILWAUKEE SITUATION

Character Studies of Loyal So-  
cialist Mayor and Bolshe-  
vistic Ex-Congressman.

By a Staff Correspondent of THE SUN.  
MILWAUKEE, Dec. 7.—Socialism in Milwaukee is still a theory, in so far as its more radical departures from the existing scheme of things economic, industrial and social are concerned. Mayor Daniel W. Hoan is a Socialist, but he stands all alone. The City Council is non-partisan. Every department head and official, other than the Mayor, who owes his incumbency to the vote of the people, is of the so-called non-partisan persuasion: at all events anti-socialist.

Hoan is a splendid Mayor. He has twice been elected chief magistrate of Milwaukee, and each time his election has been a compliment to the man and his executive ability. For Milwaukee is not a Socialist city. It has not been since 1910, when it elected the zealous Emil Seidel, who broke every rule of political wisdom by seeking to make himself a servant of the people. It was a business, as a matter of fact, to elect a man who was so overreached himself as to almost ruin his party and compelled his associates to begin building all over again.

Hoan is a professional Socialist. He looks as good a politician as any other Mayor in this country. What Victor L. Berger is in the Fifth Congress District—the boss in all that the name implies—Hoan is to the Socialists of the city of Milwaukee. It was Hoan who shouted, when King Albert of the Belgians was scheduled to stop off in Milwaukee for a day: "To hell with kings."

He distrusts silk hats. It was in the same way Hoan said to the writer the other day: "Sure! Any citizen can come in here to see me in my office at any time. The dented derby gets the same consideration as the silk hat. As a matter of fact, I'm more comfortable in it's a battered derby. When I see a silk hat coming I put one hand on my wallet and the other on my watch."

Dan Hoan is neither the boor nor the rabid proletarian that his colorful statements suggest. He is a splendid politician and is popular in Milwaukee because he gives forth what they want in as far as he is able. He scrupulously keeps promises and has the ability to please both the Socialists and the "reactionaries" to such an extent that both claim him as their own and both vote for him.

He is tall, thin and unkempt. He subscribes to those sartorial standards that were the capital of such statesmen as "Socksless Jerry" Simpson, "Cyclone" Davis and others who paid high prices to expert tailors to build permanent bags into the knees of their trousers and saw in the collars of their coats. His one bid for splendor is a fur coat with an Astrakhan collar, and it may be said that Dan Hoan might take this coat off at the six day bicycle races in Madison Square Garden and go on observing the riders undisturbed by the horrid possibility of returning home scot-free.

You could refer to Mr. Hoan as the Socialist-politician or the politician-Socialist and be right.

On Under Dog Philosophy. It is for several reasons that I give Mayor Hoan immediate prominence. First, it is well to consider the sort of man who is head and chief organizer of the Socialist party in the city of Milwaukee. Second, it is quite as important to disabuse the minds of those who imagine that Milwaukee is a municipal sister to Moscow. Furthermore, Milwaukee has shown a high price for the right to the ship of state nor how hard Socialism has had a better chance to acquire itself creditably in Milwaukee than it has had anywhere else in the country or city because it has had a fair square chance to fight for supremacy on equal terms with its political opponents. It has not done itself discredit. It has had complete control of the city just as it has had complete control of Schenectady, N. Y., and in Milwaukee, in an election that was unquestionably fair, it has been voted down. It may rise to power again. It can regain the ascendancy through the well balanced efforts of such politicians as Dan Hoan.

The socialism of Dan Hoan is a straightforward under dog philosophy. There is reason to believe him to be a solidly sincere. His war record was better than that of many men who politically opposed him. Indeed it was so American that there is no wonder in Milwaukee why he has not followed District Attorney Zabel and resigned from the Berger party.

Socialism in Milwaukee is doing well despite Victor L. Berger. Berger, who is seeking reelection to Congress from the Fifth Congress District of Wisconsin—a district that takes in the northern half of the city of Milwaukee—cannot associate himself with American socialism. As a matter of fact he is a Socialist in the same sense that Nicola Lenin is; that is not at all. Berger is a communist of the most radical sort and is seeking reelection on the Socialist ticket. It needs but a cursory glance over the editorial columns of the Milwaukee Leader, Berger's newspaper, to convince one that Berger has discarded the socialism of Marx as a man would shun the garments he wore as a lad. Berger has no outgrown socialism that the visitor to Milwaukee doesn't waste much time wondering whether he knows that in the present scheme of things economic and political the Socialist party is about as potent as the Know Nothings of fifty years ago.

"Socialism" a Back Number. There's not a Socialist in Brisbane Hall, Milwaukee, where the headquarters of Berger's Tammanylike political machine has its headquarters, who does not know that the old Socialist party that first nominated Eugene V. Debs is utterly impotent and that it has distributed itself among the I. W. W., the communists and the uncomfused anarchists. There is, to be sure, a few sincere minds still clinging to the socialism of Marx, Huxley, Spencer and Mill, but it is a question whether they should be reckoned in hundreds of thousands.

In his present quest of a seat in the House of Representatives Berger is for the first time facing one opponent. Heretofore he has been one of three candidates. The Wisconsin primary law that narrowed the field to nonpartisan candidates in cities only. In Congressional districts and counties there is still the old fashioned method adhered to. That

are the Democratic, Republican and Socialist tickets. In 1918 the Republicans and the Democrats voted to the polls on different party issues but the same principles of Americanism. This split in viewpoints materially aided Berger, who won by a landslide. He is now the most powerful man in the city.

The Republicans and the Democrats came to the realization, when Berger again announced his candidacy, that after all Americanism was the issue in Milwaukee county, and so they fused. Therefore Berger, for the first time in his political career is facing a clean cut issue: is opposed by a consolidation candidate; is faced by clear Americanism. It must be said of him that he has not flinched. He has taken up the gauntlet and his only claim to Americanism is that his Americanism is better and truer than that of Henry H. Bodenshtab, his fusion opponent—or "Bolo" Bodenshtab, as the Milwaukee Leader chose to call the latter.

Berger is an Austrian by birth. He is fortunate in having as a wife one of the most beautiful women in the city, who is only womanly in every inherent sense that is complimentary to her sex but highly intelligent, diplomatic and educated. She was Metta Schlichting, obviously a German, and she is one of the most competent heads of the schools of a municipality that this country has ever seen. She is progressive, a suffragist and assistant manager of the Milwaukee Leader.

A Frank Bolshevist. Despite the fact that Berger prints at the bottom of his newspaper the fact that he is editor, he appends to that the legend "On indefinite leave of absence and not responsible for contents of paper." This is not like Berger. As has been said herein and before, Berger is a Bolshevist. His use of the label "Socialist" is a camouflage. Berger's editorials speak the man and his boasted "Americanism." It might be of interest to quote the following words at this juncture, as the following items were clipped from the Milwaukee Leader's editorial column within the past month:

"The party has backed up the Bolshevism of the leader in particular. He has defended them vigorously ever since they gained control. If I have not, in my editorials, rained blows upon the capitalist press on account of its line about Bolshevism, I just don't know how to rain blows, that's all."

"We send fraternal greetings and wholehearted sympathy to the Socialist Soviet Republic of Russia, so valiantly upping the line of international proletarian revolution in the face of combined military, economic and political attacks of reactionary Powers and in spite of systematic campaign of libelous misrepresentation by the lying capitalist press. We, the organized Socialists of America, stand by the revolutionary workers of Russia in the support of the government of their soviet and the radical Socialists of Germany, Austria and Hungary in their efforts to establish working class rule in their countries, and with those Socialist organizations in England, France and Italy and other countries who during the war, as after the war, have remained true to the principles of uncompromising international Socialism."

"Long live the international Socialist revolution, the only hope of the suffering world."

"The greatest progress which Socialism has ever made has been made in Europe recently. But the American movement has been retarded by the fact that the European comrades and is so regarded by them. The heart of every true Socialist beats for our comrades in Russia and Germany and many of the men in our party, such as Debs, Neuring and Tucker, have declared themselves to be in sympathy with the Bolsheviki and Spartacist comrades. But the American movement as a whole has not been sufficiently enlightened to take a stand on this European situation. But if truly enlightened we know the rank and file would be heart and soul with the Bolsheviki and Spartacists, because these movements are the real Marxian proletarian movement."

The American Legion, which has been forced into the fight and therefore is working for Bodenshtab, is known as the "Bug House Legion" in Berger's editorial columns. The following is a typical campaign blast from the Leader: "Bodenshtab says that one cannot be half American and half something else. 'In that case, Henry had better hurry up—for he is not even half American as yet."

"We have been waiting for him to specifically repudiate acts of mob violence on the part of the Bug House Legion and others."

"He won't do it—because he has the support of every yellow paint artist and every other preacher and practitioner of mob violence in the Fifth district and elsewhere."

"Yet mob violence is utterly un-American. A man who winks at it cannot claim to be half American."

"Henry also approves of the villainous espionage law, which has nullified the liberties that our forefathers struggled hard to gain."

"That law is wholly un-American. Any man who upholds it has a long road to travel before he will be able to assert that he is an American."

"So, hurry up, Henry. You have a million miles or so to go before you will be as good an American as Victor Berger is."

A Sensitive Egotist. It is not necessary to go further to see Berger straight before the public. The issue is plain enough. It is up to the Fifth Congress District of Wisconsin to choose between principles. The human element is entirely lost in this campaign if it is possible to eliminate Berger's tremendously forceful personality. He is a dynamic speaker and tireless campaigner. His is the propaganda that attracts attention these days. He makes the most of what he has to say. He nightly crucifies labor upon his legendary cross of gold and his hearse moan in self pity. He clothes his adversary, Bodenshtab, a mediocre orator and unpracticed campaigner, with cruel ridicule and his audiences away in glee. In his most passionate outbursts his harsh Austrian accent almost disappears and he speaks almost pure German. He speaks glowingly of his "friend La Follette" as well he might, for it was Senator La Follette's persistent refusal to forsake a torrid factional fight and thereby split the Republican party in Milwaukee county that has made Berger what he is to-day.

Berger is a tremendous egotist. And like egotists, he is sensitive. The glory in the story of his rise resulting in one newspaper's scathing comments upon having his hands manacled, upon being caught having his nails cut, and upon being held in a Milwaukee jail, and a Milwaukee reporter dwell upon the incident for a column of his newspaper's front page, who had made much fun of his

"manacled" opponents, took the railway badly, almost as badly as he took the sarcastic comments upon his beautiful town house and more lovely summer home on Milwaukee Bay. It almost caused the militant Marxian apoplexy to be called a "ractor bolshevism." He almost admitted that he was what he is.

Questions Waste Time.

One gets nowhere at all asking him questions about his election to office and you get a deluge of oratory concerning the growth of bolshevism in the government of the United States. He is not due to the decadence of the older political power rather than any latent righteousness of his own and he issues streams of abuse of existing conditions without any reference to your question. Inquire of this patriot whether his brand of socialism is democratic proof or permanently democratic and you waste time. And then try to learn from his own lips whether he is evolutionary or revolutionary and all you get is a half hour's speech about general economics.

The Fifth Congress district of Wisconsin goes to the polls on December 19. It will then decide whether Berger is to go back to Washington again to be denied admission to the House of Representatives or whether Henry H. Bodenshtab, an unassuming, clean American, will represent it. The American Legion, or as Berger chooses to call it "The Bug House Legion," is working twenty-four hours a day to elect Bodenshtab, who is running on no party platform, but who is the American candidate.

The women of the city of Milwaukee, voteless but intensely patriotic, are breaking from street corners and hallways in the interests of Bodenshtab. Bodenshtab is making friends rapidly by virtue of the very fact that he is not a politician. His speeches are more sane, more brilliant and his statements more definite than Berger's, although not such good reading.

To Establish Roosevelt Camps. Dr. John H. Finley, Commissioner of Education and chairman of the Committee on Roosevelt Clubs in Schools and Colleges, announced yesterday that the Roosevelt Memorial Association purposes to establish summer camps at which courses in the principles and machinery of popular government will be given in connection with physical and military training. One of these camps may be located on the site of Col. Roosevelt's Chimney Butte ranch, near Medina, N. D.

Actor Falls Heir to Ranch. Ralph Riggs and Katherine Withche of "The Flamingo Show of 1918" at the Winter Garden have just received word that Mr. Riggs has fallen heir to a 6,000-acre ranch near Allen, Mon., and the Winter Garden Club has requested that the production be routed through there to give its members a chance to shoot up some new scenery.

"Carnival," in which Godfrey Tearle is the principal investment, will be made part of the American atmosphere at Washington next Sunday. Now that the spell of Egypt has reached as far north of the torrid zone as the city of Washington, the West, Ben Ali Haggin has cultivated in the Ziegfeld "Midnight Frolic" atop

Invitation to Disabled Men. The Institute for Crippled and Disabled Men, "The School of Another Chance," wants to hear from every man in New York who, by reason of disability, is unable to get a job. The institute tries to place such men in jobs for which they may be specially suited after preliminary training, and has on file the names of many employers willing to employ crippled men.

Seek Missing Man Find Him Dead. A search for George Sealey, 71, a retired Harlem real estate dealer, begun when he failed to return to his apartment at 117 East 128th street Saturday night, led to the discovery of his body in a hallway at 134 East 126th street some hours later. The police said death was due to natural causes. Mr. Sealey was under treatment because of failing health.

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## ELSIE FERGUSON TO DESERT THE MOVIES

Latest Stage Star Returning  
to Spoken Drama Will Be in  
Frohman Production.

### NOTES OF THE THEATRE

"The Tragedy of Egypt," With  
Theda Bara, on New Amsterdam Roof.

Time was when an actress departed this life and went into the movies, Broadway expressed astonishment by another round of drinks. Now the flow is the other way, and Elsie Ferguson is the latest to cease being one of the silent majority. Her return to the spoken drama early in the new year is announced from the offices of Charles Frohman, Inc.

Miss Ferguson's last appearance on the dramatic stage was at the Hudson Theatre in "Shirley Kaye." The name of the play in which she will reappear will soon be announced if the populace will soon control itself.

Flavia Arca, who twists the French tongue into "The Magic Melody" at the Shubert Theatre, slipped a comedy lyric of her own into the musical comedy last week and it is one of the regular props.

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Two Killed by Airplane.

Several Hurt When Machine Rans Into Crowd in Tennessee.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 7.—Two persons, Mrs. Melissa Myers and Lena Sheel, 7, were killed, and a number of persons were injured, three probably fatally, to-day at Marr Flying Field by an airplane crashing into a crowd of spectators.

Y. Price Hollingsworth of Chicago, the aviator, and his mechanic were taken into custody and an investigation into the cause of the accident was begun by the coroner. Most of the injured were children.

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The New Amsterdam Theatre a new tableau, "The Tragedy of Egypt," with Cleopatra showing how a queen can die for the purposes of history and Theda Bara.

Wilda Bennett, Florence Shirley, Pauline Hall and other feminine members of the cast of "Apple Blossoms" at the Globe Theatre are sewing dresses for 200 dolls bought by John Charles Thomas and the other masculine players as a reminder of Christmas for poor children.

Caruso and Scotti Feed Elephants.

Caruso and Scotti visited the elephants at the Hippodrome between the acts of "Happy Days" and acted as valets for the pachyderms, Scotti escorting Jennie, the premier ballerina, to the water tub, and treating her to a drink, while Caruso took a pitchfork and gave each thick skinned artist a spoonful of hay apiece, worth about \$50 at current breakfast food rates.

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## MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY MANTUA RIOTERS

Full Details of Disorders Are  
Received in Rome.

By the Associated Press.  
Rome, Dec. 6 (delayed).—In the disorders in Mantua on Wednesday and Thursday, in which eight persons were killed, the rioters attacked the small

garrison, cut telegraph and telephone communications, stopped railway traffic, raided arms shops, burned prisons, freeing all sorts of criminals, and held the police and soldiers at bay until fresh troops and carabinieri arrived with machine guns and occupied the city militarily.

The Rome newspapers print full details to-night of the situation at Mantua. The *Giorale d'Italia* says the Mantua Chamber of Labor authorized a strike without excesses. The disorders were begun by 500 strikers who speedily were joined by the lawless element under the direction of extremists.

The crowds stoned the military barracks and fired on the garrison. The soldiers discouraged the attack by firing into the air. At the suggestion of some of the extremist leaders the mob moved on to the railway station and seized the restaurant, where they feasted and drank wine. Those of the rioters unable to enter the restaurant were incensed when the men inside poured wine upon the floor of the restaurant until it flowed into the street.

The rails were torn up to prevent trains from entering or leaving the station and the building itself was badly wrecked. At the suggestion, "Let us turn the jails and free the prisoners," the mob moved to the prison, overcame the guards and ordered the astonished prisoners out, telling them a revolution had come and they were free.

PLEA FOR TRAVELLER'S AID.

Vastly Increased Demands Make  
More Funds Imperative.

In an effort to meet the increased demands caused by the war, William Pelton Morgan has called a meeting of the executive board of the New York Traveller's Aid Society for to-morrow afternoon at the office at 462 Lexington avenue. Since the signing of the armistice thousands of runaway boys and girls, sloppers, migratory workers and youthful adventurers on many errands have arrived in the city and the forty-eight trained workers of the society at railroad terminals and piers must be reinforced if the best results are to be attained.

The annual report of the society, made public last night, shows that its workers cared for 7,332 travellers in 1919 and for 80,000 in the first ten months of this year.

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